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THERE are gold bugs and silver bugs, and the latest is the watermelon bug which selects watermelons by the aid of a lightning bug.

A bicyclist and bloomer girl were married yesterday and yet there was no trouble or confusion. The Justice knew that the one whose clothes didn't fit was the bride.—Chicago Evening Post.

THERE are several obstacles in the way of the selling of Cuba by Spain, and one of them is that the purchaser might insist on a delivery of the goods before letting go of the price.—Milwaukee Journal.

Dust in our streets is about six inches deep, and the dogfennel on our sidewalks knee high.—So. Pittsburg Statesman.

Are those all the advantages (?) you can get out of incorporation? Stir them up, Bro. Beene, stir them up.

We confess to a disappointment that the editor of the Statesman failed to be renominated for the Senate. Bro. Beene is such an aggressive pen pusher that we expected some fun but dad-lam-it there's more honor in editing a paper than being a senator.

THE editors of the Richmond Virginia State have come to the conclusion, strange to say, that they must agree to disagree. Consequently their paper presents the curious spectacle of supporting the gold standard on one page and blowing it all to smithereens on another.

WONDER what Gov. Turney thinks this State is—a modern Indus such as the poets sing about? If so, he is dreadfully mistaken. This state is not the one to be run into fresh debt. The people have a heavy enough burden to stand now without incurring fresh outlay for special legislatures.

THE Nashville American of Thursday published a fac-simile notice sent out by an A. P. A. official to a Democrat charging him with affiliating with an enemy of the Order. As a sample of masterly diction and elegant penmanship it is superb. No wonder that Order of Unreason can exist where ignorance is bliss and 'tis folly to be wise.

REVISE that Constitution and blot out all those dead letter laws which now perplex the people. Make it a clean sweep of everything objectionable or nothing. The laws of the Greeks were few but they were obeyed because they could not be mistaken. Let us have a purer, simpler Constitution even if the democratic party of Tennessee is against the change.

THE gold bug papers are dreadfully exercised over Bryan's speech at New York. They say it is insane and stupid. We suspect it is of that class of insanity which needs a noble intellect to appreciate, but then some people will howl at perfection. If people could only rectify the mistakes which are possible in life, especially those of others, beforehand, what a grand race we would be. This is the platform of the gold bug organs with regard to Mr. Bryan.

REVISE THAT CONSTITUTION.

We have received copies of the Memphis Commercial-Appeal containing articles on the proposed revision of the Constitution of Tennessee, and also a report on the criminal cost system of Tennessee read before the Bar Association.

There are fourteen reasons for the adoption of a new Constitution.

First, the present constitution permits unjust and unequal taxation to the great detriment of the commercial and industrial interests of the State.

Secondly the administration of the criminal laws is so defective that illiteracy and ignorance are preferred to intelligence and character.

Thirdly the criminal cost system is an unspeakable disgrace to the State.

Fourthly the Supreme Court sits in three different cities so that it is impossible to speed the tardy wheels of justice.

Fifthly it is impossible for any county no matter how strongly it may desire to do so to substitute for the County Court system a system less cumbersome and more in accord with the requirements of a densely populated section.

Sixthly there is a constant multiplication of courts made necessary by our clumsy methods of procedure.

Seventhly each county is now inhibited from regulating its fences to suit its own requirements.

Eighthly the development of road ways is rendered extremely difficult.

Ninthly State officers are elected by the legislature instead of by the people.

Tenthly the gubernatorial succession is involved in much uncertainty.

In the eleventh place the procedure in gubernatorial contests is ill-defined and doubtful.

Twelfthly there is a constitutional hindrance to local improvements.

In the thirteenth place the competition of convict labor with honest labor should be abolished.

Lastly the custom of providing public officials with free passes is an evil deserving of consideration.

It is high time the State of Tennessee became aware of the disadvantages under which it is now laboring. With unjust laws, a fossiliferous governor and a corrupt ring of political shysters controlling its affairs; no wonder it is now suffering from neglect. Knowing fully the conditions under which he must enter the State if he should wish to do so, no sane man would delay a moment to seek more congenial fields. Talk about anarchy and repudiation in National affairs we believe charity should begin at home. Turn the rascals out who would immolate the state upon the altar of Mammon. Drive them hence, break up their select caeteries and bribing councils, make over anew the Constitution—a thing which they bitterly oppose, as it will deprive them of the chance of fattening themselves at the expense of the citizens—and all will be well. Remove those obstructions and an era of prosperity will dawn upon a State oppressed by those who should love it best, but who have despised and neglected it.

It is high time to tear the mask away. All know what it conceals but have possessed their souls in patience until now. It is hard to distinguish friend from foe in this matter, as both political parties have treated this important business with disdain, but that should not deter us from a constant fight in its behalf. Success only comes from constant striving which is the wage under which it is earned.

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Before and after the play ice cream and cake were for sale in the adjoining grove and everything was sold realizing a net profit of \$12.50 on the evening's sales.

This makes about \$60.00 realized within three months and in the hardest of hard times is doing more than well and on its realization the News will insist on its efforts to help raise the fund being recognized. The Sequachee Musical Society having dissolved itself by limitation and the Dramatic Society disbanded, the few dollars more necessary to purchase an organ for the church ought to be raised by its members as heretofore most of the work has been done by outside parties. We know of no one who has contributed to the gratifying financial results more than Mrs. L. W. Gabel who has the happy accomplishment of knowing how to make ice cream and doing it in a quiet and unobtrusive way though at a personal sacrifice and inconvenience to herself.

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